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MONTH OF THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

BEHOLD THE HEART THAT LOVED MEN SO DEARLY!

None of those consecrated to the Heart of Jesus shall perish.
(BLESSED MARG. MARY.)

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DEVOTION

FOR THE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART.

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The principal object of this exercise of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, established after the model of the *Month of Mary*, is to honor the THIRTY-THREE years which Jesus-Christ passed on earth. This month commences on the first of June.

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APPROBATIONS.

We approve this "Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," and recommend it to the piety of the faithful of our diocese.

Quebec, May 16th, 1874.

† E. A., Arch-Bishop of Quebec.

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We approve the present "Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," translated from the french, and which has been examined by our Vicar General.

Rimouski, March 31st, 1876.

† JOHN, Bishop of St. G. of Rimouski.

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We approve the present "Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," and We recommend the same to the piety of the faithful of our diocese.

Three Rivers, 27th March, 1876.

† L. F., Bishop of Three Rivers.

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We willingly recommend the translation of the "Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," to the piety of the faithful of our diocese.

Sherbrooke, 27th March, 1876.

† ANTOINE, Bishop of Sherbrooke.

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We recommend the "Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," to the piety of the faithful confided to our care.

Antigonish, 8th May, 1876.

† C. P. MACKINNON, Bishop of Arichat, N. S.

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HOMAGE TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to thee I most humbly offer this little book, through the mediation of the immaculate heart of Mary, and in union with all the intentions for which thou offerest thyself incessantly on our altars. May it contribute to augment the number of thy faithful, who enrole themselves in the saintly league of thine adorable heart. May it procure the salvation of souls, the triumph of the Church and of the Holy See, and bring down the light and graces of heaven on so many nations as yet reclining in the shadows of death. May it also hasten the happy moment when there will be no longer on earth, but one Fold and one Pastor! Amen.

A SECULAR TERTIARY.

Rimouski, Ascension Day, 1874.

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A Devout Prayer, *to recite during the present calamities of the Church, composed by our Holy Father Pope Pius* IX.

Most-sweet Jesus, Our Divine Master! thou who hast always baffled the criminal artifices of the Pharisees who tried to deceive thee; dispel the designs of the impious who, in their foolish pride, endeavour, by their deceptive reasonings, to seduce and mislead thy people. We, thy disciples, beseech thee to enlighten us with thy grace, for fear that, being deceived by the wiles of the sages of this centuary, and by the pernicious sophisms they spread everywhere, we also might be drawn into their errors. Grant us so abundantly the light of faith, that we may know how to discover the snares of the impious, firmly believe the dogmas of the Holy Church, and constantly reject the subtilty of sophists. (100 days indul. —Oct. 22, 1866.)

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ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

O Most-Holy and Most-loving Heart of Jesus! Draw us to thee, in order that we may love thee with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. So that through thy Divin Heart we may have access to the throne of grace, and obtain therefrom grace, mercy and timely aid. (Hebr. IV, 16.) Thou hast loved us with an eternal love; thy infinite charity constrained thee in the manger, during thy life, at the last supper and on the cross;

now, that thou hast returned to thy father, thou art still the living intercessor of those stray sheep whom thou hast redeemed by thy precious blood. Have mercy on us: do not consider our sins, but the faith of the Church, and deign to maintain us in peace and unity. We then beseech thee not to abandon us in our troubles and difficulties; have mercy on thy servant, our Pontiff; protect him, vivify him, make him happy, and abandon him not to the power of his enemies. We devote and consecrate ourselves to thee, as also all those who are dependent upon us, so that thou mayest be to us all our salvation, life and resurrection; that through thee the just may increase in justice and persevere unto the end; that sinners may be converted: that the indifferent be inflamed with love for thee; that all evils may disappear, and that we may all participate in thy blessings. May faith in this world be lively, hope firm, and charity perfect, so that we may, at the end of our earthly career, receive with thy saints a crown of never failing glory! Amen.

(Mandate of the Fathers of the 5th Provincial Council of Quebec.)

DEVOUT OFFERING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

In acknowledgment of my gratitude, and as a reparation for all my unfaithfullness I, N. N., give thee my heart, and consecrate myself wholly to the most-amiable Jesus, and I propose, with thine aid, never to sin again.

(100 days indul. once a day; plen. indul. once a month.)

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ACT OF REPARATION.

O thrice holy God, I adore thee, I love thee, and I bless thee through the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the most-Holy Sacrament of the altar, and I offer thee, by the blessed hands of the

immaculate Virgin, all the Holy Hosts that are on our altars and in our tabernacles, as a sacrifice of expiation, reparation and amendment for all the sacrileges, profanations, iniquities, blasphemies and crimes which outrage thee through the universe. Amen.

(300 days indul. each time.)

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

My Lord Jesus-Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, I believe in thee, I hope in thee, and I love thee; I am repentant, I long for thee, come into my heart which I give you.

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CONSECRATION OF OURSELF TO JESUS-CHRIST.

Receive, O Lord, my liberty without restriction; accept my memory, my understanding, and my will; I have or possess nothing which is not a gift of thy liberality; I return thee every thing, so that thou mayest dispose of them according to thy pleasure; the only thing which I beseech thee to grant me with thy grace, is a true love for thee. If I have that, I am sufficiently rich, and I ask for nothing more.

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PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART.

Remember, O most-Sweet Jesus, that it is unheard of that any of those who have had

recourse to thy Sacred Heart, implored its assistance, or claimed its mercy, ever where forsaken. Filled and animated with the same confidence, O Sovereign of hearts! I come, I fly to thee, and groaning under the weight of my sins, I prostrate myself before thee; O Sacred Heart, despise not my feeble prayer, but graciously hear and grant the same. Amen.

PRAYER WHICH ST. GERTRUDE RECITED DAILY.

I salute thee, O Heart of Jesus, my Saviour, vivifying and immutable source of joy and eternal life, infinite treasure of divinity, furnace of pure love; thou art my refuge and shelter, thou art all to me. O loving Heart, fill my heart with the same fervor which inflames thine. Bestow on me those abundant graces of which thou art the source. Let my soul be always united to thine, and let my will be continually subject to thee. I have but one desire, that is that the rule of my actions, the object of my thoughts and sentiments, be thine holy and infallible will. Amen.

CHAPLET OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

It consists of 5 decades (or tens), in commemoration of the wounds of Our Lord.

I. METHOD OF RECITING IT.

UPON THE CROSS: The prayer of St. Ignatius. O soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Heart of Jesus, enliven me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Hide me within thy wounds;
Permit me not to separate from thee;
From the malice of my enemies, defend me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
Command me to come to thee, that with thy saints I may prise thee forever and ever. Amen. (300 days Indulgence.)

On the large beads say: Jesus, who art meek and humble of heart, make our heart like unto thy heart. (300 days indulgence.)

On the small beads say: Sweet Heart of Jesus, enkindle me with the love. (300 days indulgence.)

At the end of each decade (or ten) say: Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. (300 days indulgence.)

We then recite the following ejaculations: Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy upon us. (100 days indulgence.)

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. (100 days indulgence.)

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! (100 days indulgence.)

Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus! (100 days indulgence.)

II. INDULGENCES TO GAIN.

This Chaplet is a true treasure of indulgences: for the prayers of which it consists

are so rich in that respect, that in three minutes, which suffice to recite it, 20,200 days of indulgence are gained.

III. OTHER ADVANTAGES.

Particular beads are not requisite; those of the Holy Virgin suffice. In addition to this, the Chaplet of the Sacred Heart can be said everywhere, as it is very easy to learn and can be recited in a few moments.

We believe it will be very conducive to the increase of fervor in the visits to the Holy Sacrament.

PROMISES MADE BY CHRIST

TO THE

BLESSED MARGARET-MARY,

In favor of persons devout to his Divine Heart.

1. I will give them all the necessary grace for their station in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their safe refuge during life, and specially at their death.
5. I will pour down abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and boundless ocean of mercy.
7. Languid souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly attain a great perfection.
9. I myself will bless the houses where the

image of my Sacred Heart will be exposed and honored.

10. I will give to priests the talent of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those persons who will publish this devotion, will have their names implanted in my Heart and will never be removed.

ANOTHER CHAPLET

OF THE

SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

It consists of five decades (or tens) in commemoration of the wounds of Our Lord.

Forty-six years of indulgence are gained in reciting the same with the dispositions required on the ordinary beads of the Holy Virgin.

METHOD OF RECITING IT.

Instead of the *Pater*, say that pious offering:

« Eternal Father, I offer you the precious blood of Jesus-Christ, in expiation of my sins, and for the wants of the Holy Church. » (100 days indul. Pius VII, 29th March, 1817.)

Instead of the *Ave Maria*, say:

« Jesus, who art meek and humble of heart, make our heart like unto thy heart. » (300 days indul. Pius IX, 25th January, 1868.)

Instead of the *Gloria Patri*, say:

« Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us! » (100 days indul. Pius IX, 30th September, 1852.)

CONSIDERATIONS

AND

PRAYERS FOR EVERY DAY OF THE MONTH

OF THE

Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1st DAY.

Considerations.—The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not the exclusive privilege of a few pious souls. His heart was opened for all on the cross. Our loving Saviour recommended this devotion to be spread throughout all parts of the world. Is not *all* manhood the object of his tenderness? Have they not *all* been redeemed by his Precious Blood and loaded with his kindness? Have they not *all* wounded that adorable heart by their sins? It is then the duty of *all* to pay to the Heart of Jesus a tribute of love, gratitude and reparation. Let us *all* seek therein refuge and consolation. Let us imitate the perfections of this adorable Heart!

Prayer.—O Jesus, our Saviour, bless, save, and strengthen by thy grace, this heart which thou art pleased to maintain in thy love ..... Yes, O Heart of Jesus, grant that this weak and miserable heart which now more than

ever desires to work for thy glory may abound with peace, consolation and benedictions.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, draw us to thee; we hasten to the odour of thy perfumes.

2ND DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—See, faithful souls, how noble is the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His heart is the most precious part of his humanity; it is the source of his temporal life and the seat of his adorable sentiments. Love was the main spring of all he did for God his Father and for man. The Holy Ghost finds rest no place so perfect as in his divine heart; it is his throne. The plenitude of divinity resides therein. His heart will always be the object of the infinite complacency of the Eternal Father. His heart is that of the most tender father and the most Charitable Saviour.....Let us desire his heart to be the sanctuary, the altar and the throne of our poor hearts.

Prayer.—O Eternal Father, by this divine heart, I adore thee for all who do not adore thee, I love thee for all who love thee not..... In spirit I go round the wide world, in search of all the souls redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus. I embrace them all to present them to thee by him, and by him I ask for their conversion. (Ven. Mary of the Incarnation.)

Ejac.— Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

3RD DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us honour the Heart of Jesus, it is worthy of all honour. Let us study its adorable perfections. Happy are they who know and love them. Let us seek only the knowledge of his Sacred Heart; its science will suffice us. The more we progress in the knowledge of its perfections, of its mysteries and of its charity, the more we will love it and the happier we will be.

Prayer.—Our Lord Jesus Christ, who in so admirable a manner revealed to the Blessed Margaret-Mary the impenetrable riches of thine heart; grant by her merits and example that loving thee in all and above all we become worthy of dwelling eternally in that same heart.

Ejac.—Thy love alone, O Heart of Jesus, and I am sufficiently rich. (St. Ignatius.)

4TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Jesus Christ, the only son of God, gave himself to us; it was not for the Angels, but for man that he came down from heaven. The Eternal Father having so loved the world as to sacrifice his own son to redeem and save it from eternal damnation; what had he that he gave us not? We were the objects of all his mysteries, the merits, fruits and graces of which we can apply to ourselves; they are ours. His divine heart never performed a single action, that was not for us, for our salvation. It was for us he was born in a stable; we should then through

gratitude give ourselves to him without reserve.

Prayer.—O my God, light of the souls who contemplate thee and strength of the spirits who seek thee, give me the perfection of thy love.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus vivify me.

5TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us have great confidence in the Heart of Jesus; having loved us to a prodigious excess, he loved us as though he had love but for us. What did his heart not do, what did it not suffer for us? It was love that opened his heart to us; for us it was wounded. By loving us so dearly, what did he expect, but that we should love Him in return.

Prayer.—O adorable heart! grant my soul may feel that divine ardor with which thou art inflamed. Alas! I have not loved thee; perhaps there has not been a day in my life when I loved thee as I should. When then shall I love thee? and try to indemnify thee for my passed ingratitude.

Ejac.—Who shall separate us from thy love, O Heart of Jesus!

6TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—If we want to be agreeable to the Heart of Jesus, let us love the three persons of the most adorable Trinity. Let us admire the excessive charity of the

Father; unto what excess has he not loved us! In order to save us, he sent his divine son on earth, who gave us life by the death to which he was condemned in punishment for the sins that we had committed. Let us love a God who has loved us so prodigiously. Could we not love the Holy Ghost; if we knew his perfections, the greatness of his works, the value of his gifts, the need we have of his aid and the necessity of invoking him often!

Prayer.—O adorable Heart of Jesus! give me a heart in conformity with thy sentiments; a humble heart that knows and loves its nothingness; a heart detached from the false riches of this earth.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus direct towards thyself all my heart's affections.

7TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Jesus Christ desires us to love him with our whole heart; now as it is by perfection we are amiable, the more we are perfect the more worthy we are of love. On this principle could we love our Saviour too much? That heart so tender, so humble, so charitable, so liberal shall we ever sufficiently know it? All the plenitude of divinity is centered in the adorable person of our Saviour, he his then worthy of infinite love.

Prayer.—I see, O my God, that my soul is like unto a mirror on which the slightest infidelity leaves a stain which displeases thee. I will then neglect nothing in order to offer thee a pure and unspotted heart; at least, I

shall avoid with the greatest care all voluntary faults and premeditated transgressions.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, strength of the weak, cloth me with thy strength!

8TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Jesus-Christ wants us to love him, for that reason he became like unto us; to win our hearts, he became man. As man, he was the most-perfect work of the Creator's hands, because he was always the temple and sanctuary of divinity. The Holy-Ghost reposed in him with the abundance of his gifts; from the first moment of his conception in Mary's womb, he possessed all virtues to the highest degree of perfection. It is in his heart all men should seek the graces of salvation. Let us then love the God made man who is in himself so amiable!

Prayer.—O most-loving Heart of my only love, being unable to love and glorify thee according to the extent thou desirest, I invite heaven and earth to do so for me, and I unite with the seraphims to love thee as much as possible.

Ejac.—Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine. (300 days indul.)

9TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS. — The sight of our sins, with which our Saviour was laden, in order to obtain their remission, penetrated him with

sorrow as deep and as bitter as the ocean, especially during his dolorous passion in the garden of Gethsemani. Let us ever entertain a sincere sorrow for having sinned, for our Saviour has and shall always have an infinite hatred of sin. Ah! if we but knew the immensity of the injury that our sins do to God, the thought would kill us. Let us bitterly lament our continual resistance to grace.

Prayer.—My God! I desire thee, thee alone and nothing more. Lord! I give myself to thee, and if I know not how to give myself as entirely as I should, take possession of me.

Ejac.—If any one should not love thee, O Heart of Jesus! let him be anathema!

10TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us have a grateful love for Jesus-Christ, on account of his benefits. He is our benefactor each instant; no one has ever been or could have been like him. He saved us from an infinite number of evils; and he procured us a multitude of blessings. Where would we be without him? We would be in that place of eternal punishment. Slaves of sin and of the devil, deserving therefore eternal death. He, our good Saviour, saved us from that cruel slavery and prevented our falling into the eternal abyss. If we worthily respond to all its benefits, he himself will be throughout eternity our reward.

Prayer.—O Jesus, my treasure and my love! the offences I have committed make me unworthy of loving thee, but, I pray thee through

thy merits, to render me worthy of thy pure love.

Ejac.—I have found the heart of my king, of my father, of my friend Jesus: what more can I desire in heaven, or seek upon earth?

11TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us thank God incessantly for his blessings. It is in our gratitude, in thanksgiving that piety principally consists. Let us return thanks to God in all things. Let all our prayers be accompanied with acts of thanksgiving, let them be commenced thereby, and let us not say any in which we do not reveal our gratitude. Ingratitude is an enemy of the soul, who spoils it of its merits and lessens its virtues: it is a burning breath which dries the source of God's bounty.

Prayer.—O my God! who then will I love, if not thee who art my life, my love and my all? My God! it is thee I choose, it is thee alone I wish to love.

Ejac.—Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (100 days indul.)

12TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us not be ungrateful towards our Saviour Jesus-Christ, let us reflect on all he has done for us. The Eternal Word, only son of God, God of God he in a manner annihilated himself by becoming man, since all creatures are as nothing compared to Him. Having become like unto us, and having sub

jected himself to humiliations, to sufferings and to death, he was overwhelmed with ignominy; he consented to be a man of sorrows; for us he died on a cross! What more could he do for us?

Prayer.—O Jesus, perfect lover of my soul! Where shall I find a friend who has loved me as much as thou hast loved me? Until now, I have lost my time in acquiring knowledge of things that have been of no avail to my soul, and I have though but little of learning to love thee. Ah! I now recognize my error. I renounce all things for love of thee.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, thou will be my hope in all things.

13TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us ever follow in the footsteps of Christ. Let us admire the confidence and faith of the followers of our Saviour in the desert. Attracted by the holiness of the doctrine which he preached, and by the grandeur and number of his miracles, they came to him to the number of four thousands. They followed him without food, and without fear of perishing from hunger. Did he not protect them by providing for their wants? Let us cast our fears into his heart; he watches over us and will take care of us.

Prayer—Adorable Heart of my Saviour, help me to bear with the trials of this life; collect my tears, consecrate my sighs. The weight of afflictions shall never shake the foundation of my hopes.

Ejac.—Keep me united to thee, O Heart of Jesus!

14TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS. — Let us endeavour to strengthen our love for Jesus-Christ. Let us often reflect on the motives we have for loving him. What is more just, more honorable, more useful, more necessary or more sweet than to love our Divine Saviour! Although he is infinitely above us and that we are as nothing in his sight, he allows us to love him. Though he is in himself all sufficient, and that he has no need whatever of us, that we can in no way add to his greatness, that he is infinitely amiable, since in him are all perfections, he wishes us to love him, he even commands us to do so.

Prayer.—Adorable Heart of my Saviour! to thee I present my desires, in thee alone can I find happiness. Sacred Heart! thou will be the source where I will quench the thirst of my ardent desires, and replenish my heart.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, teach me to endure sufferings.

15TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us unite ourselves to Jesus-Christ. Let us admire the qualities of our union with him by a fervent communion. What a holy union it is! It is to the Holy of Holies, the author of all sanctity, that we then unite ourselves. How glorious it is? It binds

us, it incorporates us to our God, by elevating us to the participation of his divine nature. How astounding is such a union! The Creator unites itself with his creature, the Supreme Being unites himself with nothingness, a God essentially impeccable unites himself with a man subject to sin. How grand is this union! it is the most intimate, it is all divine.

Prayer.—O my loving Jesus! pierce my innermost soul with the sweet stroke of thy love, so that I may languish and be consumed with love of thee, that I may be inflamed with a desire of leaving this life, to enjoy a perfect union with thee throughout eternity.

Ejac.—Oh! who will give me the entry to the interior of thy heart, O Jesus!

16TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us render our homage to Jesus-Christ. Let us have recourse to him as to our physician. Our soul is ailing because it has sinned against God; there is nothing healthy in it, nothing that does not require a cure. By how many maladies it is not attacked? Sin has made therein deep and mortal wounds; alas! our soul is all the more diseased, since it does not feel its wants. Jesus is the sovereign physician of souls. He can cure us by a single word, a single act of his will. Let us then have recourse to our Saviour and be cured.

Prayer.—My beloved Redeemer, O life of my soul! I believe that thou art the only good worthy of love. Thou art the best friend and physician of my soul, since thou has

been pleased to die consumed with anguish for love of me.

Ejac.—O Heart of Jesus, how tardy I have been in loving thee!

17TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us adore God in spirit and in truth. God is all-worthy of adoration. God is the Supreme Being, Being infinitely perfect, the Sovereign Lord of all things; Our God, to whom we owe our existence, our life, and all that we possess, on whom we are entirely, essentially and absolutely dependent. Is he not then infinitely worthy of our submission as our principle and our end, and should we not incline to him as to our God and our all?

Prayer.—Ah! my Jesus, my Saviour! when shall I be so detached from all other affections as to look for and desire naught but thee? I would wish to be separated from all terrestrial objects, but too often wordly feelings enter my heart and turn me from thee. Detach me thyself by thy all powerful hand, and grant that from henceforth thou mayest be the sole object of all my thoughts and affections.

Ejac.—O love of the Heart of Jesus, enkindle thyself in my heart!

18TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us adore Jesus-Christ in the Holy Temple. Let us consider churches

as holy places wherein Jesus-Christ abides. The Majesty of the Almighty took obvious possession of the Temple of Jerusalem, consecrated to his worship by Solomon. The Lord made manifest that he had chosen and sanctified that place for his dwelling. Nevertheless, that temple contained but shadows and figures. It is in the temples of Christians that the plenitude of Divinity resides, that the Saviour dwells corporally. Since then our churches really contain the adorable body of Jesus-Christ, they should be in our eyes as another heaven; the King of heaven holds therein his court, and an innumerable multitude of celestial spirits are there continually adoring Jesus-Christ.

Prayer.—Heart of my God, in thee alone can I find pure, solid and real consolations; in thy sentiments and graces, I will embibe them. Grant me then this favour!

Ejac.—Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! (100 days indul.)

19TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us humble ourselves before God, at the sight of our miseries. Could we be so blinded by our passions as not to believe ourselves miserable and unhappy? We are in the most extreme poverty and misery. We were conceived in iniquity, we were born in sin; and was there not a time when we lived in the frightful state of sin? Could we count the number of faults we have committed? What penance have we done for them?

Prayer.—Deign to receive me, O Sacred Heart of Jesus! amongst the number of thy faithful worshippers, all unworthy as I am of such a favor. I prostrate myself before thee, with the most profound veneration of which my heart is capable. I offer myself entirely to thee, and I consecrate to thy glory all that I have and that I am, from this moment and forever.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, mercy.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, enkindle me with thy love! (300 days indul.)

20TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us as often as possible make acts of love of God. We cannot make them too often or with too much fervor, since we cannot too much love a God who is worthy of infinite love. The flame of divine love is like that of material fire, which requires to be frequently replenished. The love of God relaxes and grows cold as soon as the heart becomes silent. Often reiterated acts of love of God, detach, purify, inflame and consume the heart. It is to love God that we exist.

Prayer.—My God, I purpose loving thee with each breath I take. Grant me the grace of living and dying in the exercise of thy divine love. I wish thy love to be the rule of all my actions, I will often ask thee what thou wishest me to say, do or suffer, that I may increase in thy love.

Ejac.—O love of the Heart of Jesus, grant that thou mayest be known and loved!

21st DAY.

Considerations —Jesus-Christ desires that we should often visit him in his Holy Temple, either in person or in spirit. He is the King of heaven, the Sovereign Master of the universe, and nevertheless his happiness is to be on earth with men. His love for them brings him down from heaven to visit them. He is really present, body and soul, in the Blessed Eucharist, as on a throne of grace, to receive our homage and load us with his favors. Let us at least desire to visit him often. Good intentions are of the same value in the sight of God as actions, when we cannot perform the latter. We are looked upon, by the One who reads all hearts, as having done what we would do, were we able, when we make up for the deficiency by good desires.

Prayer.—O Sacred Heart of my God! send me not from thee as I deserve; but be still the sure asylum and salutary source whither I shall go to partake of the abundant waters that will efface my offences. Yes, O Sacred Heart, I detest with all my heart my indifference, my ingratitude, and all the sins of which I am guilty in thy sight.

Ejac.—Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (100 days indul.)

22nd DAY.

Considerations.—Let us weep for ourselves and for others. We are surrounded by incredulous and bad christians. We see God greviously offended everywhere, his holy laws

despised and violated, his gospel contested and forgotten, his holy temples profaned and abandoned, his holy name blasphemed, and his heart loaded with outrages. Men for whom Jesus-Christ was crucified, are hastening to eternal perdition. Let us weep for ourselves and for our brothers.

Prayer.—O Heart of my God, to thee alone shall I henceforth attach myself! I shall keep my heart free from all creatures, so as to give it to thee entirely and without reserve; thou alone shall possess it since thou alone can make it happy.

Ejac.—Through thy Heart pierced with sorrow, O Jesus! deign to pierce mine with sorrow for my sins.

23RD DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us pray in union with the Heart of Jesus-Christ. He is our mediator between God and man. Our Saviour alone, is truly as God and man, charged with our interests in presence of his Father. The august Virgin Mary and the saints who in heaven are, in the full enjoyment of God's love, take us under their protection; all the power of their intercession is founded on the merits of the Heart of Jesus. We cannot be agreeable in the sight of God the Father, if he sees not in us unhallowed the image of Jesus-Christ.

Prayer.—Heart of my God, adorable, tender and compassionate, I will endeavor to return to my neighbor the charity which thou deignest to exercise towards me, so that thy

Heart may pour on me the effusions of its benefits; shall I not give to my neighbour the sentiments of my heart. Notwithstanding my miseries and my sins, thy Heart deigns to bear with my faults, to console me in my troubles; it is owing to the prayers of thine Heart addressed for me to the throne of mercy.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus, mercy.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. (300 days indul.)

24TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—In union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us offer ourselves to God as victims of expiation. Supply, O my Saviour, whatever is wanting in my sacrifice. In the old law, he who wished to offer a sacrifice to God, brought the victim at the door of the temple; he then placed his hands on its head to take possession of it on the part of God: and from that time the victim was devoted to immolation. By the holy unctions of baptism, we were consecrated to God. We are the victims destined to death for the glory of God; but this death to the world renders us agreeable to the author of our being.

Prayer.—My Sweet Jesus! I hope through thy merits, thou will forgive me all the injuries I have done thee. Ah! could I doubt it, my crucified love! when thou didst die to forgive me?

Ejac.—O Heart of Jesus, inflame me with thy love! O Heart of Jesus, grant that all men may know and love thee!

25TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us consider all that God has done for us, in us and around us. God is within us and maintains us: God fills heaven and earth. There is nothing in heaven or on earth that is not in God, and in which God is not. All is in God, and God is in all that exists. He is the author of all things and also their sustenance. God is in us, and it is he who, having been our creator, is our preserver. Our preservation is a reiterated creation each instant. Let us then love our God!

Prayer.—O Heart of Jesus! I abandon myself to thee; I love thee with all my heart. Indeed, it would not be sufficient to tell thee that I love thee more then myself. I now repent of all my past outrages, I would wish to die of sorrow for them. Grant that I may love thee....

Ejac.—Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus! (100 days indul.)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, mercy!

26TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let the love of God produce in us the same effect as death. Death would take us from the midst of the living; the love of God should make us love retirement. Death will rob us of every thing; the love of God should make us practise the virtue of poverty. Death will take from us all taste for perishable things; the love of God should detach our hearts from all the

creatures, the goods and the pleasures of this earth.

Prayer.—O adorable Heart of Jesus, worthy of possessing the hearts of all men! Heart consumed with flames of purest love! O devouring fire! wholly consume me and give me a new life of love and grace.

Ejac.—O God, create in me a heart worthy of being united to the Heart of Jesus!

Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love thee more and more!

27TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us be most grateful for the graces received from God. Every grace is a gift; it is a benefit granted us by the Supreme King. It is a gift superior to nature: it comes not from nor is it due to nature. God grants us all graces gratuitously, for man by his own actions can never render himself worthy of them. It is the Heart of Jesus, through its sufferings and death, that gained for us the blessings with which we have been favoured.

Prayer.—O my adorable Saviour! thy Heart is full of kindness and tenderness for me, and mine has naught but apathy and indifference for thee. O ardent fire! melt this icy heart; and enkindle therein the fire of thy divine love.

Ejac.—Heart of Jesus-Christ, vivify me!

Divine mercy, incarnate in the Heart of Jesus, have pity on me!

28TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us not cease asking God's grace. Would you not ask it incessantly if you knew how necessary for salvation, is that heavenly gift; if you make good use of the assistance of God's grace, he will give you the enjoyments of the greatest of all blessings for time and for eternity.

Prayer.—My God, give unto others brilliant virtues; I only ask humility, sincere and heartfelt humility: this I will seek in thy Sacred Heart, at the foot of the cross, and in the bitter recollection of my sins If thou grantest me this virtue, I will prize it more then all the treasures of the world.

Ejac.—Sweet Heart of Jesus, enkindle me with thy love! (300 days indul.)

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation! (300 days indul.)

29TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Jesus-Christ is really in the Eucharist: let us go to the foot of the altar to render him our homage. God is truth itself, can he deceive? He promised his disciples to give them his body for food and his blood for drink, and he said to them if they ate not his body and drank not his blood, they would have no share with him, and that they would not be made participators of his graces and of his glory. Let us often renew our acts of faith in Jesus-Christ really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer.—O Jesus, my love, my all! how

could I without loving thee, see thee dead for me on an infamous gibbet, despised by the world, and consumed with anguish and outrages in the Holy Eucharist! Grant that I may love thee always until death.

Ejac.—What shall I render to the Heart of Jesus, for the love he bears me in the Blessed Sacrament?

30TH DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS —Let us admire God's love in the gift he gives us: he gives himself to us. He is the benefactor and the benefit. He has admitted us to his table, it is his sacred body he gives us for our nourishment. Our union with him is so intimate that we become as a part of himself. We may say that we enjoy him, who is the sovereign happiness of the angels and saints in heaven. The distinction between us, is the difference in the way we possess God.

Prayer.—Oh! amiable Jesus! if I really and sincerely loved thee, I would never neither day nor night relinquish the desire of being at thy feet in the Blessed Sacrament: and there, near thy Supreme Majesty, veiled under the sacramental species, I would find that ineffable happiness and contentment, which is found therein by thy faithful lovers.

Ejac.—Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (100 days indul.)

31st DAY.

Considerations.—Let us love God for himself, does he not deserve to be thus loved? To love him, without considering the advantages derived from the love of God; to prefer God to every thing, to be determined never to offend him, and to serve him because he is infinitely worthy of all the hearts affections, on account of his perfections which are infinite, and render him infinitely amiable. He who loves God for himself can say to him: My God, I love thee, I would still love thee even though there was no hell to fear, or heaven to hope for, even though I had never received or expected to receive thy benefits. God is well worthy of love on account of his unspeakable perfections.

Prayer.—Who am I, Lord, that thou hast so much loved me, and that thou hast so sought my love? O infinite amiability! I love thee. But no, I should rather say: My God! I love thee not. O King of heaven! be thou the king of my heart, possess me entirely.

Ejac.—Sweet Heart of Jesus, enkindle me with thy love! (300 days indul.)

Heart of Jesus, mercy!

32nd DAY.

Considerations.—By Holy Communion, we become the temple of the Lord. Faith teaches us that by communicating, we receive our Lord true God and true man. By Holy communion, Jesus-Christ gives us his humanity and his divinity; uniting in our person all

the attributes and perfections of human and divine nature. What great preparations should we not then make to receive a God, not in our temporal abode, but in our heart.

Prayer.—Draw me to thee, O divine Jesus! by the charms of thy love; I would sooner be united to thee by thy holy love, then be master of the whole world. No, I desire nothing on this earth but to love thee. I have little to offer thee, I admit, but I give thee my poor heart, that loves thee for time and for eternity.

Ejac.—O Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love and imitate thee!

Be loved everywhere the Sacred Heart of Jesus! (100 days indul.)

33RD DAY.

CONSIDERATIONS.—Let us communicate so as to be wise, healed and vivified. Jesus-Christ wished to remain in the Holy Eucharist to impart to us his treasures and to unite his Divine Heart with ours. If you are in the shadows of ignorance and error, Jesus-Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament, is your light and consolation. There comes from the Holy Host a ray of light which penetrates the darkness of the spirit, a voice that speaks to the heart. Those who go to the foot of the altar reap therefrom an all celestial and all divine doctrine, which shall be for them most salutary. Oh! what a precious favour to be able to consult our Lord and thus learn his designs on our soul!

Prayer.—O Sacred Heart of Jesus! o divine heart, o adorable heart, o most amiable of all

hearts, be glorified, thanked and honored throughout all the universe, in the most-perfect manner, forever and ever. Amen.

Ejac.—O Heart of Jesus, may my zeal for thine honor consume me!

Sweet Heart of Jesus, enkindle me with thy love! (300 days indul.)